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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT - BLUENT ECEVIT, TURKEY

REF: (A) NICOSIA 2169, (B) STATE 186932

1. RSO HAS AGAIN CONFERRED WITH DIRECTOR MOUROUZIDES OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (KYP) AND DEVELOPED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. SYKOPETRIDES' FATHER, YIANNIS SYKOPETRIDES, A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE PANCYPRIAN LABOR FEDERATION, A COMMUNIST LABOR ORGANIZATION, USED HIS POLITICAL CONNECTIONS TO ENABLE SYKOPETRIDES TO TRAVEL TO EAST GERMANY IN DECEMBER, 1964, WHERE AN ARTIFICIAL HAND WAS DESIGNED FOR HIM.

B. ON JAN 25, 1974, SKYOPETRIDES TRAVELED TO CYPRUS FROM THE U.S. IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF GRIVAS, THE EOKA LEADER. AFTER THE FUNERAL HE RETURNED TO THE U.S.

C. ON AUG 7, 1974, SYKOPETRIDES TRAVELED TO CYPRUS FROM THE U.S. OSTENSIBLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTENING OF HIS SISTER'S DAUGHTER. FYI: AMBASSADOR DAVIES WAS KILLED ON AUG 19, 1974. RSO IS PRESSING KYP TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHEN SYKOPETRIDES LEFT CYPRUS. WITHOUT FACTS AVAILABLE, MOUROUZIDES INFERRED THAT

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SYKOPETRIDES MAY HAVE BEEN IN CYPRUS AS LONG AS TWO

WEEKS WHICH COULD HAVE PUT HIS DEPARTURE AFTER
THE AMBASSADOR'S DEATH. IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE EXAMINE
SYKOPETRIDES' PASSPORT AND DETERMINE IF A DEPARTURE
FROM CYPRUS SUBSEQUENT TO AUGUST 19, 1974 IS INDICATED.
PLEASE ADVISE.

D. ACCORDING TO KYP, SYKOPETRIDES AND HIS FATHER HAVE
NOT BEEN GETTING ALONG.

2. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS DEVELOPED.
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